

# Arkansas Department of Human Services MEDICAID EXPANSION

The Medicaid Expansion Program offers expanded health care coverage and benefits for specific Arkansas populations. The Expansion covers prenatal services for pregnant women, additional benefit packages for Arkansas seniors, and coverage for working Arkansans ages 19 to 64 who are without employer-sponsored health insurance.

In November 2001, coverage for low-income pregnant women was increased from 133 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. As a result, thousands of unborn children have received quality prenatal services, giving them a healthy start in life.

**"I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD THE PRENATAL CARE I AM RECEIVING WHILE I AM PREGNANT IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM. I AM RECEIVING EXCELLENT CARE, AND IT IS MAKING ALL THE DIFFERENCE FOR ME AND MY FAMILY."**

**JASMINE ROBINSON, 21, NORTH LITTLE ROCK**

The ARSeniors Program was implemented in November 2002, improving the quality of life for Arkansans ages 65 and older by providing expanded health benefits to seniors with incomes at or below 80 percent of the federal poverty level. Those qualifying for ARSeniors receive the full array of Medicaid services. Examples include, but are not limited to, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, physician services, prescription drugs, transportation services and payment for Medicare supplemental insurance premiums.



ARHealthNetwork is a new insurance program designed to help qualified small businesses with low-income workers provide an affordable package of health care benefits to their employees. It is available to businesses with two to 500 employees as well as self-employed individuals. To qualify, Arkansans must earn at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line and must not have been offered a group health plan in the past 12 months or longer.

Pictured in the photo: Jasmine Robinson and Kayla Smith. Two participants from the Arkansas Department of Human Services Expansion program.

